

# GARDENERS' GAB



## **Shelby County Master Gardeners' Assoc.**

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**Meetings: Monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 10 a.m.**  
**Shelby County Extension Office—Columbiana, Alabama**

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**Alabama MGA:** [www.alabamamga.org](http://www.alabamamga.org)

**Alabama MG Program:** [www.aces.edu/mg](http://www.aces.edu/mg)

**AMG Online Store:** <http://www.victorydesigns.com/amg/>

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## ***The President Ponders...***

I really cannot believe August has ended and we are heading into fall. I could not be more proud of our group of Association members and their willingness to rise to the call for volunteers.

Association members have built raised beds, weeded, replenished soil, planted, maintained, and harvested at community gardens. They have helped communities revamp overgrown landscaping, advised gardeners on pest management, met with cancer patients and youth groups, judged 4-H competitions, assisted schools in preparing educational beds for elementary children, preschoolers, and seniors. Members have worked at public gardens, plant sales, and public food distribution programs. Other members have served on the board or committees, prepared the newsletter, kept group history, graciously provided food, planned activities, posted volunteer opportunities, called interns, presented at meetings, or supported ACES activities such as Grow More Give More throughout Shelby County, and Alabama. Members have represented our association at Alabama MG meetings and conferences. This is amazing and we still have fall to go. Thank you all for your time and efforts. Our state, county and cities have been impacted for the good by you special people.

I am really looking forward to hearing about volunteer opportunities and the upcoming plans for Aldridge Gardens. See you at the meeting.

*Cindy*

**SCMGA will meet FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>, at 10 AM  
at the Extension Center in Columbiana**

Rip Weaver, Executive Director of Aldridge Gardens, will be our speaker.



**TREASURER'S REPORT as of August 19, 2022**  
Submitted by Barbara Williams, Treasurer



Beginning Balance	\$5,554.69
Deposits:	
Checks:	
Friends of B'ham BG	(50.00)
J. Baumgartner	(47.09)
Ending Balance	\$5,457.60

Help Spread  
The Sunshine!



**Cards sent by Martha Grantham on behalf of SCMGA during August:**

**Birthday Cards:**

Deborah Elliott  
Jerry Goodall  
Cindy Hearn  
Tully Lightsey  
Karen Mims  
Sandy Zahradka

**Sympathy:**

Murry Williamson  
For loss of his wife.

**Get Well:**

Pat Hare  
Former member who had  
a bad fall.

**SHELBY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS' 2022 DATES**

Sep 9 SCMGA Meeting, 10am

Nov 11 SCMGA Meeting, 10am

Sep 19 Registration DEADLINE for AMGA Fall Seminar,  
\$35 <https://aub.ie/AMGA2022FallSeminar>

Dec 9 SCMGA Meeting & Dirty Gardener  
Gift Exchange, 10am

Oct 6 AMGA Fall Seminar 8:30am-4:30pm, Auburn

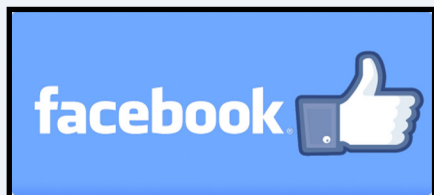
Oct 10-17 Colors of New England Tour

<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1058663>

Oct 14 SCMGA Meeting, 10am

Nov 1 AMGA Advisory Council Meeting

We have a Facebook group called  
***"Shelby County Alabama Master Gardener Active Members"***



This **private** group was formed to help communicate with our members. Please check it out and ask to join if you are on Facebook.



Cindy Hearn is spearheading **Grow More, Give More** for SCMGA. Please let her know what you are doing.

cindy\_hearn@att.net or 205-531-0616

## Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association Business Meeting—12 August 2022

- President Cindy Hearn opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Jason Kirby, from the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, presented a program on "From Kitchen Gardens to Flora of the Civil War."
- Secretary Sylvia Sheffield asked for corrections to the July minutes which were printed in the Gab. Hearing none, the minutes stand as written.
- Treasurer Barbara Williams gave the treasurer's report.
- VP Kate Vogel provided an update on the Alabama Master Gardeners' Association meeting. She advised everyone to sign up early for the October fall conference in Auburn as it fills up quickly.
- Merle Schukoske reported on the Chelsea Park Elementary School garden project. She requested donations of plants, seedlings, and seeds to plant in the raised beds there. She also requested help with the garden.
- President Hearn facilitated a discussion on projects in which the group may be interested in participating. Ideas and suggestions will be referred to the Board for discussion and consideration of possible further action.
- Teresa Riddle reported on the Pelham Community Garden project. There will be gardening activities at the Pelham Senior Center and a Garden Club has been established which will meet on the second Thursday at 10:00 AM at the Pelham Library beginning on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Sue Webb will be the first speaker, her topic is invasive and native plants. Teresa requested \$500 to support this project. The motion was made, seconded, and voted upon favorably.
- Following this meeting there will be a discussion of the Master Gardener class plan for 2021—2022.
- President Cindy Hearn announced that our next meeting will be on September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The meeting was closed by the president.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia Sheffield



**Please send Martha Grantham, Sunshine Committee Chair, information about members (or their relatives) who are**

**ill, facing surgery or have lost a loved one. We want to make sure all our members know they are loved and are a vital part of our organization. Martha will send a card to let the member know we are thinking about them.**

**Here are two ways for you to get in touch with Martha:**

**Email: Doggymamacj@gmail.com  
Phone: 205-663-8977**



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/11—Wayne Gainey  
9/13—Gina Dodson  
9/13—Luisa Eroles  
9/18—Duane Pigg  
9/20—Sandra Hixson  
9/24—Elizabeth York  
9/29—Kate Vogel



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At our August meeting, Jason Kirby from the Birmingham Botanical Gardens spoke on "From kitchen gardens to the flora of the Civil War"



## International Master Gardener Conference



June 18 – 22, 2023  
Overland Park, Kansas

Registration opens **November 2022**

<https://imgc2023.com/registration>

### Alabama Garden Chat

Alabama Garden Chat is back! If you have questions about your gardens and landscapes, feel free to email us at [alabamagardenchat@gmail.com](mailto:alabamagardenchat@gmail.com)! We will go through questions every Wednesday at 2pm, right after the Alabama Smart Yards webinar. Join our Alabama Garden Chat webinar at <http://www.aces.edu/go/asywebinars>. Alabama Garden Chat will run April–August.

#### **Contact:**

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251-288-2874

Join the Alabama Extension home grounds team for the ***Get Outside with Alabama Smart Yards*** webinar series. This online series provides common gardening and landscaping information for gardeners. **Tune in Wednesdays.**

**When:** Wednesdays at 1pm CT

**Where:** The webinars are presented through Zoom, an online video presentation format

**Registration is required** to attend this webinar series. The Zoom meeting number and link will be provided upon completion of the online registration. Visit [www.aces.edu/go/asywebinars](http://www.aces.edu/go/asywebinars) to register.

New to Zoom? [Visit the Zoom website](#) to watch a video that will help you prepare to attend.

### **Extension-Master Gardener Monthly Update**

A monthly Extension-MG Update webinar is the *last Monday of every month*, at 1pm  
<https://auburn.zoom.us/j/93566762516> Meeting ID: 935.6676.2516.

All Master Gardeners are invited to attend!  
(Cancelled when the last Monday falls on a holiday)

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## ALABAMA GARDENERS' CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

**FRUITS AND NUTS** – New catalogs will be arriving soon. Start plans for future selection and plantings. Take soil test for new planting areas. Fertilize established strawberry plantings.

**SHRUBS** – Study landscape to determine plant needs. Check early varieties of camellias. You may want to replace those damaged in spring by late freezes. After fall growth is completed, spray all shrubs with a fungicide.

**LAWNS** – Plant seed of winter grasses where situation prevents planting permanent grasses. Winter seeds will appear soon. Stop fertilization three weeks before frost.

**ROSES** – Protect fall crops of blossoms from aphids and thrips. Keep plants healthy.

**ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS** – Last chance for planting perennials and biennials. Old clumps of perennials may be divided. Plant peonies.

**BULBS** – Spring-flowering bulbs may be planted late this month in North Alabama. Delay planting in South Alabama.

**MISCELLANEOUS** – Clean up infestations of insects on azaleas, camellias, boxwoods, gardenias, hollies, etc. If oil spray is needed, don't use in freezing weather. Build compost bin or box; leaves will be falling soon. Move houseplants indoors.

**VEGETABLE SEED** – Plant hardy vegetables and root crops.

**VEGETABLE PLANTS** – Plant cabbage, collards, cauliflower, celery, Brussels sprouts, and onion sets.



### Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association Board of Directors and Committee Chairs 2022



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**ALABAMA MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION, INC.  
MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Dear Master Gardener,

The Alabama Master Gardener Association (AMGA) Board of Directors has set \$10.00 as the annual membership dues for January 1—December 31, 2023. Members are very important to this Association, and we hope that you will join or renew your membership. To remain on the state membership list and to continue to receive Garden Pathways newsletter, please complete this application and give it, along with your dues, to your local association Treasurer ASAP. **DUE ON OR BEFORE: November 30, 2022.**

Association Name: **Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #'s:  
Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State and Local Newsletters will be delivered online. County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Information: County of Training: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Training: \_\_\_\_\_

In Case of Emergency Call: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE of MEMBERSHIP** (Check one)

	<b>Local Dues</b>	<b>State Dues</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Active Member	\$12.00	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Member (Interns)	No fee	No fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Member	\$240.00	\$150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Member (Extension Employee)	No fee	No fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Honorary Member	No fee	No fee

**Amount Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SCMGA AND MAIL TO:**

**Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association  
c/o Barbara Williams  
825 Mountain View Dr.  
Wilsonville, AL 35186**